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The Honorable Anthony Foxx  
Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx:

The Washington State Department of Transportation is pleased to support, and partner with, the City of Seattle on its FASTLANE grant application for the South Lander Street Grade Separation and Railway Safety project.

This grade separation project will remove a major source of delay and congestion that disrupts access to Port of Seattle facilities for shipments of agricultural goods and other exports from Eastern Washington, Idaho and beyond. It will also clear the way for drayage trucks carrying imported containers to quickly get from the dock to transload and warehouse facilities, allowing goods to more quickly move to local and national markets.

WSDOT is investing nearly \$800 million in federal Recovery Act funds to deliver rail infrastructure improvements that will increase the speed, reliability and frequency of intercity passenger rail service between Seattle and Portland. As part of these investments, we have added track capacity, upgraded existing track and signal systems that will allow for expanded Amtrak Cascades rail service without disrupting freight movement. Recognizing the importance of the South Lander Street Grade Separation and Railway Safety project, last year the State made a \$7 million investment toward delivery of the project as part of the Connecting Washington transportation revenue package.

I encourage you to give this project serious consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Millar', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Roger Millar, PE, AICP  
Acting Secretary of Transportation